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Warsaw, December 30. N. S.

AS the time of the Election comes on, so the contending Parties grow more active and violent to promote their respective Interests; which occasions much disorder and confusion in this Kingdom. The great Men, to make themselves more considerable, provide numerous Retinues; some raise Companies of Soldiers, to attend them; and others underhand encourage and support the Confederacy among the Troops in *Poland*. The French Ambassador all this while distributes the Money remitted from *France*, and omits no Endeavours to advance the Prince of *Conti* to the Crown; though hitherto his Party does not seem to be so considerable as that which appears for Prince *James*, Son of the last King. The Queen prepares to leave this place, and to retire to *Chenstorcham*, judging it more advisable to yield to the representations of those who think it not proper she should reside here at this time, though she has no reason to look upon them otherwise than as Enemies of her Family, then by remaining in this place, to occasion greater Heats and Animosities; and she has fixed the 15th of the next month for her departure. The Crown General continues at *Lemberg*, to give the necessary Orders for securing the Frontiers against the Tartars, who threaten another Invasion.

Vienna, Jan. 9. The States of the *Lower-Austria* met here on the 7th Instant, in the great Hall of the Palace; The Emperor repaired thither about Noon, attended by the Principal Officers of the Court, and being seated under a Canopy, the Chancellor *Buccelini* made a Speech to them, upon the Subject of the present Juncture of Affairs, shewing the necessity there is to provide both in *Hungary* and on the *Rhine*, proportionably to what is doing by the Enemy, who make their utmost, and perhaps last, Efforts for maintaining the War, the continuance whereof is so uneasie to them, that a vigorous preparation for the next Campagne will in all likelihood procure a safe and Honourable Peace; That the Emperor is therefore obliged to demand further Supplies of them; and does not doubt of their willingness to contribute what lies in them for their common Defence and Security; The Count *de Traun*, Mareschal or Speaker of the Assembly, answered in Terms full of Duty and Respect, Thanking His Imperial Majesty for his Care to promote the Publick Good, and assuring him, that they should not be wanting on their part to assist him in so great and necessary a Work. The Letters by the last Post from *Hungary* say, the Turks were drawing together about *Titul*, as if they had some design upon that place, but we have had so many groundless alarms, that little credit is given to this, and besides should the Enemy have any such intention, that, as well as our other Frontier Garisons are in too good a condition to be in pain for any Attempt the Enemy can make upon them at this time of the year. 'Tis confirmed from all Hands, that the Czar of *Muscovy* makes very great Preparations to prosecute the War against the Turks and Tartars, and that he has rejected the Proposals of Peace made him by the Cham of *Tartary*, who had Directions from the Grand Signior to endeavour by all means, to stop the progress of the Moscovites, which may otherwise give them great disturbance. The Count *de Harach*, whom the Emperor is sending to the Court of *Spain*, prepares for his departure.

Francfort, Jan. 16. We have had several Reports this Winter of the Enemies intending to pass the *Rhine* and *Neckar*, and to make a Ravage in the Countreys on this side, but hitherto they have attempted nothing. They now give out, that they will begin the Campagne very early, and that great Magazines are for this reason provided at *Strasbourg* and other Places. The Allies all this while neglect no means to put themselves in a posture not only to defend themselves, but to annoy the Enemy; and the Confederate Armies on the *Rhine* the next Summer will be greatly augmented by the Forces which the Six Circles have resolved to bring into the Field.

Cologne, Jan. 18. The several Circles whose Deputies met lately at *Francfort*, are providing the Troops they are to furnish, towards the Army of 60000 Men which they are to bring into the Field the next Summer; some of them raise Troops, and others are Treating with such Princes of the Empire as can supply them. The Bishop of *Wurtsburg*, for his own share, raises a Regiment of 1600 Men.

Hamburgh, Jan. 18. The Negotiation about the *Holstein* Affairs is at present at a stand, but will be renewed so soon as the *Brandenburg*, and the other Ministers, who are at present absent, return hither. They write from *Berlin*, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* intends to go thence about the middle of the next month for *Prussia*, and to reside at *Coningsberg* till the Election in *Poland* is over.

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